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25X1 1. [REDACTED] the 41 Army was ordered to move from the Huiyang (114-26,
23-05) and Huilai (116-18, 23-03) areas to southern Kwangtung. On 15 December
25X1 advance elements of this army arrived in Yangchiang (111-53, 21-52) via Hsin-
hui (113-06, 22-34).

25X1 2. [REDACTED] 400 officers and men from the 6 Regiment under the Kwangtung 6
Military Sub-District were assigned as replacements to the 44 Army.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] the Kwangtung Military District Command conducted military maneu-
vers in the Bocca Tigris (113-41, 22-49)-T'ai-p'ing (112-52, 23-42)-Paoan
(112-32, 24-54)-Shench'uan (114-08, 22-32)-Nant'ou (113-56, 22-31) area. LI
Tso-p'eng (2-17, MB), chief of staff of the Kwangtung Military District, was
chief judge. He was assisted by six Soviet advisers. Garrison troops from the
Bocca Tigris area, one regiment of the 44 Army, and an armored car company
stationed at Canton with three tanks and five armored cars, took part in the
exercises.

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4. [] the 4 and 5 Regiments of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column were transferred from Chungshan (113-36, 22-22) and Santsao Island to an undetermined area. [] the garrison duties of Chungshan and Santsao were taken over by two columns of the 1 Marine Division¹ and the 3 (sic) Regiment of the 131 Division.

5. [] SU Ching (蘇靜), chief of staff of the Central and South China Military Area, arrived by plane in Canton, where he was met by LI Tso-p'eng (李作鵬), chief of staff of the Kwangtung Military District. LI Hua-min (李化民), chief of staff of the Kwangtung Air Defense Command, and T'AN Cheng-wen (譚政文), head of the Kwangtung Public Security Bureau. SU Ching inspected defenses in Chungshan and Santsao and left for Yulin by plane []

6. [] the following units² were disposed along the Canton-Kowloon railway:

a. The 139 Division, commanded by CHAN Wen-t'ung (湛文通), between Shench'uan (114-08, 22-32) and Changmut'ou (114-06, 22-53).

b. The 134 Division, commanded by LIN Pin-jung (林斌榮), between Changmut'ou and Shihlung (113-51, 23-07).

c. The 119 Division, commanded by TU Kuo-ch'ing (杜國慶), between Shihlung and Shihp'ai (113-20, 23-07).

d. The 2 Artillery Regiment of the 5 Artillery Division, commanded by CHAO K'ai (趙愷), between Shihlung and Tsengch'eng (113-49, 23-16).

e. The 1 Artillery Regiment of the 5 Artillery Division, commanded by CHOU Hsiang-lu (周祥祿), at Shihp'ai.

7. [] a unit of the 47 Army was transferred from the Swatow area to Kwangsi. The 87 Division³ moved from the Yunhsiao (117-15, 24-01)-Nanching (117-31, 24-35)-P'ingho (117-02, 24-14) area to Swatow to take over the garrison duties there. The 87 Division was commanded by CHANG Chan (張展) and had a strength of 8,000 troops.

8. [] the 22 Public Security Division, commanded by CHANG Ming-ch'ih (張明池), transferred to Kwangsi from south Kwangtung to reinforce the 41 and 43 Armies in that area.

1. [] Comment. Possibly one of the four marine units in South Kwangtung

2. [] Comment. The names of the commanding officers given in this report do not check with those carried in our records. Units bearing the same designations have been reported in Korea. Continued reports that the Chinese Communists have troops in both areas, identified by the same unit numbers, may explain this apparent conflict and the information in this report is therefore considered possibly true.

[] Comment. According to information available to this office as of 1 January 1952, the 139, 134, and 119 Divisions belonged to the 47, 45 and 40 Armies; each of these armies was reported to be in Korea, but with elements in Kwangsi or Kwangtung. The 5 Artillery Division was also listed among units in Korea.

3. [] Comment. An 87 Division is in Korea. []
[] Comment. According to information available to this office as of 1 January 1952, LIU Ch'ien-chun is the commander of the 87 Division.

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Abstract

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SUBJECT 1. Chemical Technician School at Dimitrograd
2. Stalin Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant at Dimitrograd
3. Miscellaneous Information from Dimitrograd

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Chemical Technician School at Dimitrovgrad

1. The Bulgarian Ministry of Industry established a special training school at Dimitrovgrad to train technicians for employment in the Stalin Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant.
2. The school was activated in early 1949, and as of September 1950, two class terms of nine months duration each had been completed. The second class term, 18 December 1949 to September 1950, was subdivided into a chemical technician and mechanical technician training section, composed of approximately 230 students.
3. All applicants for training were expected to successfully complete pre-entrance mental and political examinations and were required to present documentary evidence indicating the following:
 - a. Completion of at least junior high school education;
 - b. Good health and good physical condition; and
 - c. Membership in the BSM (Dimitroviski Soyuz na Narodnata Mladezh; Dimitrov Union of Peoples Youth).
4. The training section for chemical technicians was divided into four subsections, with daily training schedules of five hours of lectures and theoretical training, and three hours of practical training at the Stalin plant:
 - a. First class, approximately 30 students, was being trained in preparation and use of nitric acid;
 - b. Second class, approximately 35 students, type of training unknown;
 - c. Third class, approximately 35-40 students, was being trained in puri-

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fication and handling of various chemicals; and

- d. Fourth class, approximately 35-40 students, was being trained in preparation and use of sulphuric acid.
5. During training, the students were quartered in a general barracks and were furnished their meals.
6. Students who successfully completed training were assigned jobs at the Stalin plant corresponding to their respective specialties.
7. The following persons make up the training staff:
 - a. Stoyko Todorov, chemical engineer, in charge of the training program for the first class, chemistry instructor;
 - b. A certain Mudarov, chemical engineer, in charge of the training program for the second class, political science instructor;
 - c. A certain Binozov, chemical engineer, in charge of the training program for the third class, chemistry and Bulgarian language instructor;
 - d. A certain Dimitrov, chemical engineer, in charge of the training program for the fourth class, chemistry instructor;
 - e. A certain Dimitrova, chemical engineer, chemistry and mathematics instructor;
 - f. A certain Veleva, chemical engineer, chemistry and analysis instructor;
 - g. Neycho Pushevski, chemical technician, geometry and mathematics instructor;
 - h. Stoycho Manev, mechanical technician, geometry and mechanics instructor;
 - i. A certain Dobrev, mechanical technician, physics instructor;
 - j. A certain Panayotov, chemical technician, physics instructor; and
 - k. Dimitur Vitkov, chemical technician, political theory instructor.

Stalin Nitrogen Fertilizer Factory

8. The Stalin factory group is being equipped with Soviet machines which produce nitric acid and nitrogen acid.¹ The factory group, which currently produces only nitric acid, will begin producing nitrogen acid and fertilizer sometime after completion. The factory group was designed and planned by a certain Kirich, a Soviet engineer. Kirich, the administrative chief, and a group of assistants, Soviet nationals, completely manage and administer the entire factory group.
9. Vasil Yanev is assistant personnel director at the Stalin plant.

Miscellaneous

10. High school students, both male and female, who are considered politically reliable, are currently being given arms drilling and training at their respective schools.
11. Communist party members are being issued and are storing arms and even hand grenades in their homes.
12. Informant learned from a friend who lives in Dimitrograd that approximately 10 anti-Communists, members of a partisan unit operating in the Sliven section of the Stara Planina, have recently been arrested by the Sliven militia.

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